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DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

IMMEDIATE ICE MONTEVIDEO Circular ACTION ADDRESSES

IMMEDIATE ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS,
RULPAL/CINCSO FOR POLAD

SPECIAL HANDLING

CAPTIONS

INITIALS

SUBJECT: MITRIONE

FOLLOWING STATEMENT RELEASED MONDAY MORNING BY SECRETARY OF STATE:

THE FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF DAN MITRIONE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ARE AS ONE IN THEIR SORROW AT HIS TRAGIC DEATH WHILE SERVING HIS COUNTRY IN URUGUAY. OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO HIS WIDOW AND HIS CHILDREN.

WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THEY MAY BE FORTIFIED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS OUTSTANDING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES HAD WON HIM THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF HIS FELLOWS.

TOGETHER WITH OUR GRIEF AT THE LOSS OF A DEVOTED OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT, WE FEEL REVULSION AT THE INHUMANITY OF HIS ASSASSINS. THE SPREAD OF TERRORISM, WHICH CLOAKS COMMON CRIMES IN POLITICAL FANATICISM, MUST MEET WITH THE REPUDIATION OF ALL MEN OF DECENCY AND GOOD WILL EVERYWHERE. THE AUTHORS AND SUPPORTERS OF SUCH VICIOUS ACTS MERIT THE SCORN AND CONTEMPT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

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MR. MITRIONE'S ASSASSINATION HAS HEIGHTENED MY CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF DR. CLAUDE A. FLY, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN UNDER CONTRACT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY AS AN AGRICULTURAL ADVISER, WHO WAS ALSO KIDNAPPED ONE WEEK AFTER MR. MITRIONE. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION WITH OUR AMBASSADOR IN MONTEVIDEO, WHO IS KEEPING IN THE

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